

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 016742

15

ORIGIN IO-11

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 L-03 FRB-03 OMB-01 TAR-01 SP-02

AGR-05 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07 INR-07 LAB-04

NSAE-00 OIC-02 SIL-01 STR-04 TRSE-00 CIEP-01 CEA-01

NSC-05 SS-15 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 AF-06 ARA-06

EA-07 NEA-10 /120 R

DRAFTED BY IO/UN/COR:JDFOX:MFW

APPROVED BY IO - RDMOREY

IO/SEC - RVHENNES

IO/UN/BAPS - JCSAULS

IO/CMD - DFORMAN

AID/PPC - CGULICK

EB/OT/GCP - JSLATTERY

----- 113679

O R 230135Z JAN 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

USMISSION GENEVA

INFO AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 016742

ROME FOR FODAG, FOR FOX VIENNA FOR UNIDO

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: AORG, EGEN, EAID

SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: SECOND SESSION OF AD HOC
COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE USUN AND GENEVA MISSION VIEWS RE-
GARDING OUR PRELIMINARY PLANS AS INDICATED BELOW FOR THE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 016742

U.S. POSITION AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

ON RESTRUCTURING THE UN SYSTEM (FEBRUARY 11-MARCH 3).

2. WE BELIEVE THE MOST EFFECTIVE U.S. POSITION WOULD BE TO SUGGEST USING THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE UN SYSTEM AS A COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA TO GUIDE THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS IN THE UN SYSTEM AND TO SUGGEST A SPECIFIC WORK-PLAN FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW. OUR PURPOSE WOULD BE TO GIVE A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF SERIOUS U.S. INTEREST IN RESTRUCTURING, TO ASSERT U.S. LEADERSHIP IN ATTEMPTING TO KEEP THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FROM LOSING ITS MOMENTUM, AND TO BUILD A DEFENSE IN ADVANCE AGAINST INSTITUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS THAT MAY EMERGE FROM UNCTAD IV.

3. WE WOULD PLAN TO FAVOR THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS AS AGENDA TO GUIDE THE COMMITTEE'S WORK BUT, IN DOING SO, WE MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO IMPLY A BLANKET ENDORSEMENT OF ALL SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN IT. A FULL ENDORSEMENT OF THE REPORT WOULD PREEMPT OUR OPTIONS IN LATER NEGOTIATIONS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, LIKELY WOULD PROVOKE DEBATE THAT WE WANT TO AVOID AT THIS STAGE. RATHER THAN ADVOCATING THE MERITS OF THE INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT, OUR ARGUMENT WOULD BE JUST THAT THE REPORT COULD SERVE AS AN INVALUABLE COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA TO GUIDE THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS IN THE UN SYSTEM.

4. WE WOULD HAVE TO INDICATE THAT EACH RECOMMENDATION MUST BE CONSIDERED BOTH ON ITS OWN AND IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TOTAL RESTRUCTURING PACKAGE. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THE U.S. TO OPPOSE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXPERTS FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN VIEW OF THE LONG OVERDUE MAJOR EFFORTS THAT JUST RECENTLY HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA.

5. WE WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT USING THE REPORT AS AGENDA WOULD NOT PRECLUDE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS OUTSIDE OF THE REPORT OR THAT ARE EVEN BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE REPORT. IN FACT, WE OURSELVES MAY WELL BE INITIATING PRO-CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 016742

POSALS DRAWN FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN THE REPORT.

6. IN VIEW OF THE GENERAL AND POSITIVE THRUST OF THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS, WE BELIEVE THAT HAVING IT ESTABLISHED AS AGENDA WOULD HELP TO STAKE OUT A GENERAL AREA OF CONCERN TO BALANCE THE THRUST OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT RECOMMENDATIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES THAT THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT IS EXPECTED TO PRESS FOR

APPROVAL AT UNCTAD IV. THIS WOULD IMPROVE THE CLIMATE FOR BOTH THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE AND UNCTAD IV.

7. WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR USDEL TO PROPOSE A SPECIFIC WORK-PLAN FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW. THIS WOULD HELP TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE ACTIVE WHICH, IN TURN, SHOULD HELP TO BALANCE THE POSSIBLE TENDENCY OF THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO DOMINATE THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK WILL BE LESS CONFRONTATIONAL THAN MAY BE THE CASE AT UNCTAD IV IN NAIROBI AND THEREFORE WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KEEP AS MUCH INTEREST AS POSSIBLE FOCUSED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK.

8. FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE (FEBRUARY 11-MARCH 3) USDEL COULD SUGGEST THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE MAJOR TOPICS OR PROBLEMS THAT NEED ATTENTION. WE WOULD HOPE TO AVOID DETAILED SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE AT THIS STAGE ON SPECIFIC RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS AND KEEP THE FOCUS ON IDENTIFYING MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS. STRESSING THAT THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROBLEMS RATHER THAN SOLUTIONS IS THE LOGICAL FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY HELP TO GET THE COMMITTEE STARTED IN A UNITED RATHER THAN CONFRONTATIONAL SPIRIT.

9. THE U.S. SUGGESTION FOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED WOULD BE DRAWN FROM THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION: RATIONALIZATION OF THE UN'S FRAGMENTED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE CENTRAL SECRETARIAT AND THE ENTIRE UN SYSTEM FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION; STREAMLINING OF ECOSOC;
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 016742

BETTER CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE AGREEMENT AMONG MEMBERS WITH A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN A SUBJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION; AND A MECHANISM FOR INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS. THESE TOPICS REFLECT THE MAJOR THEMES OF THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS. THE ANNEX TO THE PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE (A/AC.179/2) LISTS DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE 30TH GA WHICH MAY BE OF CONCERN TO THE COMMITTEE. THESE POSSIBLY COULD BE LISTED AS ADDITIONAL MAJOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED.

10. THE AGREEMENT ON MAJOR TOPICS THEN COULD BE USED BY THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP (MARCH-MAY) AS ITS MANDATE FOR WORKING OUT SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTING PROPOSALS RELATED TO EACH OF THE TOPICS. IT WOULD BE AT THIS STAGE THAT THERE

MUST BE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BOTH OF THE OVER-ALL BALANCE AND OF THE MERITS OF THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS INCLUDED IN THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS AND OTHER PROPOSALS THAT MAY BE SUGGESTED.

11. THE THIRD SESSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE (JUNE 1-11) COULD THEN BE USED TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP. ALSO, OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE, THIS SESSION WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE INSTITUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS FROM UNCTAD IV. ON THIS BASIS, THE THIRD SESSION WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE A RENEWED MANDATE FOR A RESUMED SESSION OF THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP. THE U.S. POSITION FOR THIS RENEWED MANDATE WOULD REFLECT LESSONS LEARNED FROM UNCTAD IV AND, ALSO, THE CIEC NEGOTIATIONS.

12. THE RESUMED INFORMAL WORKING GROUP (JUNE-SEPTEMBER) THEN WOULD ATTEMPT TO PREPARE A FINAL DRAFT OF RESTRUCTURING RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON ITS RENEWED MANDATE.
CONFIDENTIAL

13. USDEL WOULD SUGGEST THAT THERE SHOULD BE A FOURTH SESSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE (SEPTEMBER 3-17) FOR THE REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL OF THE WORK OF THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP IN ORDER TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GA THROUGH THE RESUMED 61ST ECOSOC AS CALLED FOR IN GA RES. 3362 (S-VII). WE WOULD HOPE THAT THIS REPORT WOULD RE-
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 05 STATE 016742

COMMEND AT LEAST SOME SIGNIFICANT INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES FOR ACTION AT THE 31ST GA BUT IT MAY ALSO RECOMMEND FURTHER STUDY IN SPECIFIC AREAS.

14. IN ADDITION TO APPRECIATING COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY PLANS INDICATED ABOVE, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE ADVISABILITY OF OPENING CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS AND SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK AND/OR GENEVA BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO ENLIST SUPPORT FOR THESE PLANS. IN PARTICULAR, DEPENDING ON COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM MISSION, WE BELIEVE IT MAY BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS OUR PLANS WITH AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DADZIE TO GET HIS REACTION AND TO LEARN WHAT PLANS HE MAY HAVE FOR THE 2ND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE. WE ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED ON ANYTHING LEARNED ABOUT THE PLANS OF THE G-77 AND OTHER GROUPS FOR THE 2ND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE.

15. FROM JANUARY 26 THROUGH FEBRUARY 6 PLEASE REPEAT MESSAGES ON RESTRUCTURING TO FODAG ROME FOR FOX. ROBINSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETING AGENDA, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, REORGANIZATIONS, ORGANIZATION & MANAGEMENT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 JAN 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: saccheem
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE016742
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JDFOX:MFW
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760025-0479
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760127/aaaaaxlg.tel
Line Count: 222
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: saccheem
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 MAR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25 MAR 2004 by CollinP0>; APPROVED <03 AUG 2004 by saccheem>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: UN ADMINISTRATION: SECOND SESSION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING
TAGS: AORG, EGEN, EAID, PORG, US, UN
To: USUN NEW YORK GENEVA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006